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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING DATED AUGUST 19 TO KAZAKOV
OF HYDROMET.

2. "DEAR YURIY: THIS MESSAGE CONCERNS THE FUTURE OF ACTIVITY
02.01-2303 (DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL PROCESS OF FLOTATION
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DESULFURIZATION OF COALS, FORMERLY CALLED A-10) UNDER THE

ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

IN EARLY 1976 THE US EXECUTIVE SECRETARY FOR THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY, MR WILLIAM ROOT, HELD DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW WITH DR IGOR S. BLAGOV, CHIEF, TECHNOLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION FOR COAL PREPARATION BY THREE METHODS: (A) FROTH FLOTATION, (B) DEWATERING AND REFUSE DISPOSAL, AND (C) DENSE MEDIUM CYCLONING. DR BLAGOV, WHO GAVE MR ROOT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WAS A COORDINATED SOVIET POSITION, STATED THAT THESE THREE TOPICS ON COAL PREPARATION SHOULD BE PURSUED SOLELY UNDER THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. HE NOTED THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT HAS TOUCHED ON ONLY A SMALL PART OF ONE OF THESE THREE TOPICS. I ASSUME FROM THIS THAT DR BLAGOV WAS REFERRING TO ACTIVITY 02.01-2303.

IN THE JULY 16, 1976 PROTOCOL FOR WORKING GROUP 02.01-20, SIGNED BY DR GAGE AND MR BALASHOV, IT WAS AGREED TO CONTINUE COOPERATION ON ACTIVITY 02.01-2303. ON JULY 30, 1976, V. G. KLENIN, CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST, TECHNOLOGICAL ADMINISTRATION, USSR COAL MINISTRY AND ALBERT W. DUEURBROUCK, BUREAU OF MINES, SIGNED A PROTOCOL FOR FUTURE COOPERATION UNDER THIS ACTIVITY.

IN VIEW OF MR BLAGOV'S REMARKS AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A TEAM OF SOVIET EXPERTS IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE USA IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER TO DISCUSS FUTURE COOPERATION ON COAL PREPARATION UNDER THE ENERGY AGREEMENT, I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THE SOVIET SIDE WISHES TO MAINTAIN ACTIVITY 02.01-2303 UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT OR TRANSFER IT TO THE ENERGY AGREEMENT. SINDERELY, BILL BROWN"
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